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## CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 TO HOLD ANNUAL WORKER MEMORIAL CEREMONY

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Caltrans will hold its 28<sup>th</sup> annual Worker Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, May 2 at 10 am on the front lawn of the Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo.

“It’s important to remember our colleagues who have lost their lives serving the people of California and to convey to our current employees that worker safety along the state highway system is our most important mission. We encourage the public to make wise decisions while driving to keep themselves and our highway workers safe,” said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

California Highway Patrol Commander L.D. Maples and John Boys Towing Owner, John Coulter will be the featured speakers at this year’s event.

Since 1921, 189 Caltrans employees have been killed on the job, including eight in District 5. One of the biggest hazards for workers is motorists who do not exercise caution while driving through highway work zones. Caltrans reminds everyone to ‘Be Work Zone Alert!’

The public may learn more by visiting the Caltrans Worker Memorial and Worker Safety web page <http://www.dot.ca.gov/paffairs/workersmemorial/>

